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The Appeal Brief filed on 11 November 2008 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37 To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file anamended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer, EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136. 1. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order. 2. The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)). 3. At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)). 4. \(\tag{a}\) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)). 5. X The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi)) 6. A The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)). 7. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)). 8. The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner and relied upon by appellant in the appeal, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)). 9. The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)). 10.

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Regarding section (5) above, the brief fails to list all grounds of rejection on appeal under the grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal section. The appellant asserts that the grounds of rejection section is fully compliant because it includes a concise statement of each issue presented for review. Appellant's argument is not persuasive because 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi) requires the grounds of rejection section to include a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review.

Regarding section (6) above, the brief fails to present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal and place any claim argued separately under a subheading. The appellant asserts that there is no requirement to each ground separately under a subheading and that a heading is provided for each ground of rejection on appeal. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Firstly, 37 CFR 41.37 (c)(1)(vii) states "Any claim argued separately should be placed under a subriding identifying the claim by number." Secondly, the argument section clearly lacks a heading for each ground of rejection because the argument section of the appeal brief includes seven headings while there are thirteen or grounds of rejection.